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1. The Usolye oil field was at the northwestern end of the large bend in the Volga River near Kuibyshev (53°12'N/50°09'E), close to the river bank 3 to 4 km upstream from Usolye (53°23'N/49°05'E).* The oil field had a highway connection but no spur tracks. The first experimental drillings were made in early 1943. About 3 to 10 derricks were in operation by December 1943. The oil strata were shallow and the wells were mostly self-flowing. The field was said to be unexpectedly productive.
2. Neither tank installations nor oil pipe lines had been built by the end of 1943. However, an oil pipe line was said to be planned from the drilling sites to Kuibyshev via Usolye. In 1943 the oil was collected in basins and mainly shipped away in four-axle tank cars carrying about 25 tons and in two-axle tank cars carrying about 10 tons.

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* Comment. See Annex for sketch indicating the location of the oil field.

1 Annex: blueprint

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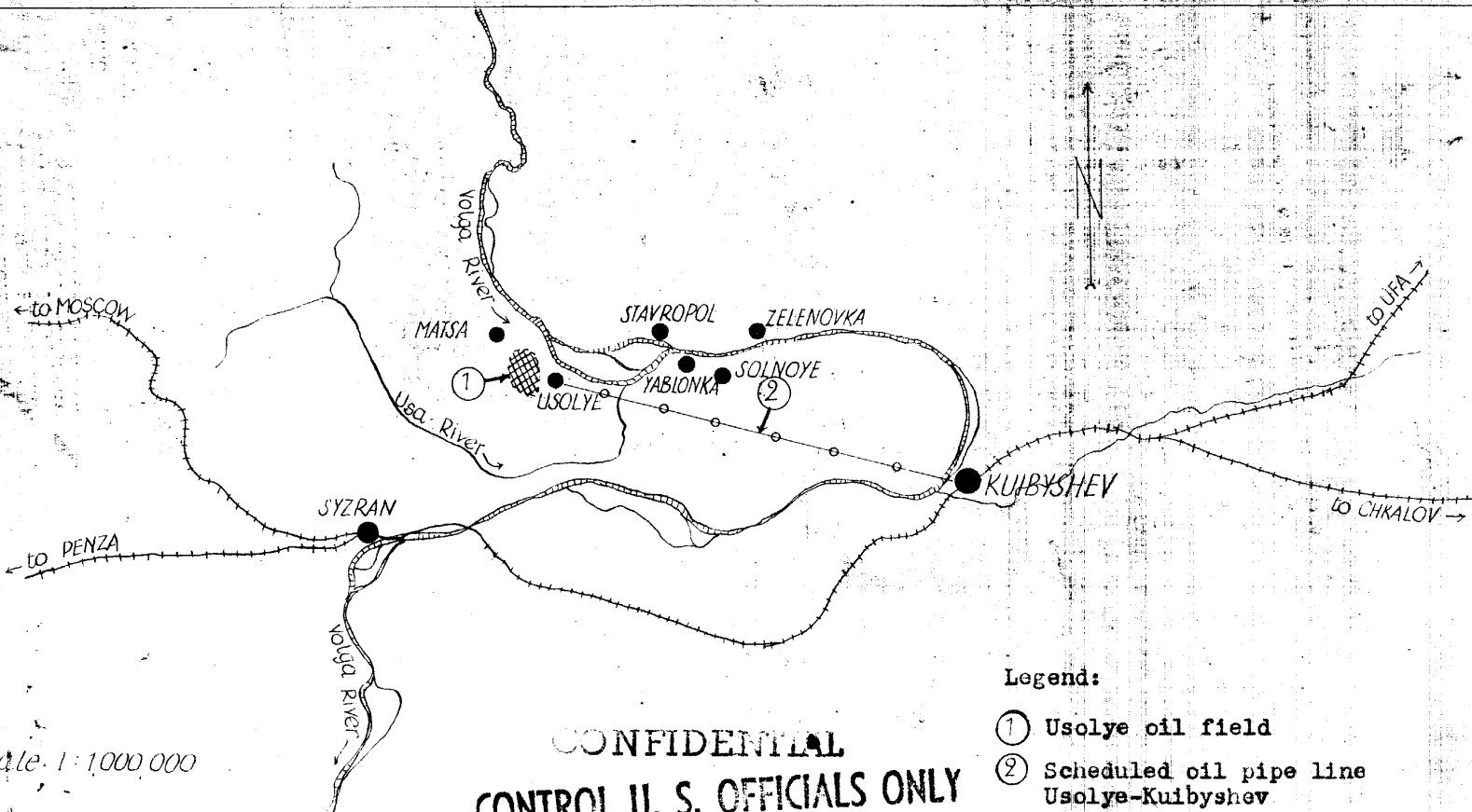
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